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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of November, 1946

Refrigerator car loadings continue heavy, however, the Association of American Railroads reports that for the past month they have been somewhat higher than last year, chiefly due to the general decrease in potato loadings resulting from surplus production and market conditions.

Potato loading did not start in Maine, Idaho and the Red River Valley in the volume anticipated, but it is expected to increase during the latter part of this month. Loadings in general in California and the Pacific Northwest have been increasing rapidly.

The movement of grapefruit from Florida has commenced in volume and it is anticipated that there will be a record crop of both grapefruit and oranges to move this year. Except for a tight situation in the Pacific Northwest, the AAR reports that all orders were protected currently during the first half of October. Since the heavy loading in California has been considerably in excess of the receipt of empty cars, the protection supply in that area has been dissipated. As the loading increases in other heavy producing areas, and cold weather necessitates the use of refrigerator cars for the protection of canned goods and other semi-perishables, it can be expected that there will be shortages of refrigerator cars during the coming months.

Our estimates indicate that approximately 80,574 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will be shipped during the month of November 1946, compared with the revised estimate of 96,200 cars in October 1946, and a decrease of 1.2% as compared with the 81,593 cars shipped during November 1945.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Pacific Region during November 1946, have been estimated to reach 15,122 carloads. Those that will move in large volume are shown below:

North Pacific Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>		
	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Idaho</u>
Apples	5,600	465	625
Carrots	8	50	15
Celery	5	80	5
Lettuce & Romaine	8	250	470
Mixed Deciduous Fruits	155	25	-
Onions	60	380	615
Pears	430	470	-
Potatoes	465	1,150	3,650

The general commodities to move in volume in carload lots in the South Pacific Region during November 1946, are as follows:

South Pacific Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
Apples	220	-
Carrots	880	150
Cauliflower	400	-
Celery	2,800	-
Broccoli	110	2
Grapefruit	50	300
Grapes	3,750	-
Lemons	960	-
Lettuce & Romaine	2,200	1,400
Mixed Vegetables	1,860	200
Onions	110	-
Oranges & Satsumas	2,500	100
Pears	90	-
Peas, green	220	5
Potatoes	1,200	-
Sweetpotatoes	165	-
Tomatoes	495	-

Shipments other than the more important ones listed on the previous page that are estimated to originate in the South Pacific Region during November will aggregate 348 carloads. Included in this totals are 35 carloads of potatoes, which is the only movement to originate in Nevada.

Total estimated shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Rocky Mountain Region during November, 1946 will approximate 4,320 carloads. Of this total 82 percent will originate in Colorado and 10 percent in Utah, while the balance, or 8 percent, will move out of Montana and Wyoming. The shipments to originate in Montana will be 155 cars of potatoes and Wyoming will originate 175 cars of potatoes. The major carload shipments to originate in Colorado and Utah are listed below by commodities:

Rocky Mountain Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>Colorado</u>	<u>Utah</u>
Apples	200	60
Carrots	15	3
Cauliflower	25	-
Celery	5	15
Cabbage	70	85
Mixed Vegetables	180	2
Onions	1,530	125
Potatoes	1,510	165

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables expected to originate in the North Central Region during November, 1946 are estimated to be 4,058. About 83 percent of these movements will consist of potatoes. The potato shipments will originate as follows: 1,450 cars from North Dakota; 1,000 cars from Nebraska; 800 cars from Minnesota; 70 cars from South Dakota, and 25 cars from Iowa. Only other important shipments will be 520 cars of onions from Minnesota and 45 cars from Iowa.

Principal carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southwestern Region (excluding Texas) during November, 1946 will total 1,425. Those to move in volume are 850 cars of sweetpotatoes, 95 cars of snap beans, 60 cars of mixed vegetables and 50 cars of oranges from Louisiana; 155 cars of carrots from New Mexico; 70 cars of onions and 15 cars of sweetpotatoes from Kansas.

The estimated carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Great Lakes Region in November, 1946 will aggregate 3,460 carloads. The major movements are listed below by commodities and States:

Great Lakes Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>				
	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Michigan</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>
Apples	40	2	8	160	20
Carrots	50	-	5	105	150
Celery	-	-	-	75	-
Cabbage	5	-	-	15	740
Cranberries	-	-	-	-	170
Onions	-	115	22	415	70
Potatoes	15	10	-	830	275

Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the New England Region in November, 1946 will approximate 5,988 carloads. These will consist principally of 5,500 cars of potatoes from Maine, 35 cars from Connecticut and 20 cars from Massachusetts. In addition, it is estimated that 360 cars of cranberries and 45 cars of apples will originate in Massachusetts.

November estimated shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Middle Atlantic States will be approximately 5,427. About 70 percent of these carload movements will originate in New York State and 16 percent in New Jersey. The balance will be distributed through the States of West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware and will consist chiefly of apple shipments as follows: West Virginia 250 cars; Pennsylvania 85 cars and Delaware 40 cars. In addition, Pennsylvania will originate 150 cars of potatoes and Maryland 175 cars of sweetpotatoes. The principal movements for New York and New Jersey follow:

Middle Atlantic Region

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads	
	<u>New York</u>	<u>New Jersey</u>
Apples	100	-
Carrots	290	-
Cauliflower	530	-
Celery	340	-
Beets	255	-
Cabbage	905	-
Cranberries	-	65
Mixed Vegetables	100	-
Onions	510	-
Potatoes	790	710
Sweetpotatoes	-	70

Principal carload shipments to originate in the Southern Region (excluding Florida) during November, 1946 are estimated to be as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads	
	<u>South Carolina</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
Apples	-	600
Broccoli	15	-
Cabbage	25	-
Mixed Vegetables	15	20
Potatoes	-	20
Spinach	-	135
Sweetpotatoes	175	115

In addition to the above, 90 cars of sweetpotatoes are expected to originate in North Carolina and 70 cars in Tennessee. These shipments with those listed in the above table represent 90 percent of the total contemplated movements out of this Region during November.

Important carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in Texas and Florida during November, 1946 are:

<u>Commodity</u>	Estimated carloads	
	<u>Texas</u>	<u>Florida</u>
Beans, snap & lima	110	1,200
Carrots	45	-
Beets	65	-
Cabbage	35	10
Cucumbers	-	280
Escarole	-	120
Grapefruit	2,500	1,350
Mixed Citrus Fruit	1,000	2,100
Mixed Vegetables	900	400
Oranges & Satsumas	720	5,000
Peppers, green	430	95
Spinach	190	-
Sweetpotatoes	140	2
Tangerines	560	7
Tomatoes	900	200

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